

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for making a quilt comprising:

providing a fusible quilt batt comprising a non-woven fibrous web selected to provide loft to a quilt and a thermoplastic adhesive ~~[[in]]~~ on at least one of an upper surface and a lower surface of the web, wherein the adhesive ~~binds the fibers of the web and~~ provides at an elevated temperature a tackiness sufficient to allow the web to be ~~applied~~ adhered to a quilt top cover material or backing material, removed from the quilt top cover material or backing material at room temperature, and ~~reapplied~~ again adhered to a quilt top ~~patterns~~ cover material or backing material at an elevated temperature.

placing a top cover material on the batt so that the adhesive confronts a surface of the top cover material, and

applying heat to the top cover material and the adhesive to increase the tackiness of the adhesive and affix the top cover material to the batt.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, further comprising:

removing at least a portion of the top cover material from the batt, repositioning the portion, and replacing the portion on the batt so that the adhesive confronts a surface of the portion, and

applying heat to the top cover material and the adhesive to increase the tackiness of the adhesive and affix the top cover material to the batt.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim **[[4]] 1.**, further comprising:

using a steam iron to apply heat to the top cover material and the adhesive.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim **[[6]] 3.**, further comprising:

before or simultaneously with removing at least a portion of the top cover material from the batt, applying heat to the top cover material and the adhesive to increase the tackiness of the adhesive and thereby hasten removing at least a portion of the top cover material from the batt.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

placing a backing material on the batt so that the adhesive confronts a surface of backing material, and

applying heat to the backing material and the adhesive to increase the tackiness of the adhesive and affix the backing material to the batt.

10. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim 9, further comprising:
removing the backing material from the batt, repositioning the backing material, and replacing the backing material on the batt so that the adhesive confronts a surface of the backing material, and

applying heat to the backing material and the adhesive to increase the tackiness of the adhesive and affix the backing material to the batt.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A method according to Claim ~~[[12]]~~ 10, further comprising:

before or simultaneously with removing at least a portion of the backing material from the batt, applying heat to the backing material and the adhesive to increase the tackiness of the adhesive and thereby hasten removing the backing material from the batt.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A method of using a batt in the making of a quilt, comprising:

providing a fusible quilt batt comprising a non-woven fibrous web selected to provide loft to a quilt and a thermoplastic adhesive ~~[[in]]~~ on at least one of an upper surface and a lower surface of the web, wherein the adhesive ~~binds the fibers of the web and~~ provides at an elevated temperature a tackiness sufficient to allow the web to be ~~applied adhered~~ to a quilt top and/or backing material, removed from ~~the quilt top and/or backing material~~, and ~~reapplied again adhered~~ to [[a]] the quilt top and/or backing material at an elevated temperature;

placing the web over the quilt top and/or backing material such that the adhesive confronts a surface of the quilt top and/or backing material; and

applying heat and pressure to the batt, whereby the adhesive releasably binds the batt to the quilt top and/or backing material.

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising removing the batt from the ~~adjacent material~~ quilt top and/or backing material.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising repositioning the batt with the adhesive confronting the quilt top and/or backing material and applying heat and pressure to the web.

18-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
before or simultaneously with removing the batt from the **adjacent material quilt top and/or backing material**, applying heat to the **adjacent material quilt top and/or backing material** and the adhesive to increase the tackiness of the adhesive and thereby hasten removing the batt from the **adjacent material quilt top and/or backing material**.

28. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising removing the batt from the **adjacent material quilt top and/or backing material** at room temperature.

29. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein a portion of the adhesive binds the fibers of the web.

30. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein a portion of the adhesive binds the fibers of the web.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-17, 27 and 28 were pending at the time of this Office Action.

Claims 1, 16, 27 and 28 were objected to.

Claims 1-14, 16, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Claims 1-17, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Chumbley et al. in view of Wright et al.

Summary of Response

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 27, and 28 were amended.

Claim 17 is in original format.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, and 14 were cancelled.

New claims 29 and 30 are presented.

Claims 18-26 were previously cancelled.

REMARKS

Related Applications:

The Examiner's attention is directed to two related cases.

U.S. Patent No. 7,109,134 issued on September 19, 2006 on Application Serial No. 10/712,462, which is a CIP application from the parent of the present application and was filed on the same date as the present application.

U.S. Application Serial No. 11/463,550 was filed on August 9, 2006 as a continuation of Application Serial No. 10/712,462.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 was objected to because of informalities. The claim has been amended to change "a quilt top patterns" to "a quilt top cover material."